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Honorable Mark Leno, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Attention: Mr. Mark Ibele, Staff Director (2)

Honorable Shirley Weber, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

Attention: Mr. Christian Griffith, Chief Consultant (2)

Amendment to and Addition of Various Budget Bill Items, Support, Department of Consumer Affairs

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Issue 001)—It is requested that Item 1111-002-0305 be increased by \$2,030,000 and 10 positions in fiscal year 2015-16, to support the ongoing workload for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau). This request includes Budget Bill language (see Attachment 1) that designates \$1 million to reduce the Bureau's backlog in the licensing and complaint unit, after the Department of Finance approves the Bureau's plan to address the backlog. This proposal will help the Bureau meet its ongoing workload needs of processing applications, conducting compliance visits, and processing complaint cases, as well as eliminating a backlog in the licensing and complaint units.

Finally, recent changes to federal financial aid requirements require all independent institutions of higher education to have state oversight. It is requested that trailer bill language be adopted to: (1) provide an independent institution of higher education with state recognition, and (2) authorize those institutions to enter into a contract with the Bureau to establish a state-level student complaint process.

BreEZe (Issue 002)—It is requested that various items be increased by an aggregate amount of \$1,950,000 to cover the cost of the revised timeline in signing an amended implementation contract for the BreEZe information technology project. The additional cost is exclusively distributed amongst Boards and Bureaus included in Releases 1 and 2 of the project.

Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (Issue 003)—It is requested that Item 1110-001-3252 be added in the amount of \$1,112,000 to reimburse the Department of Justice (DOJ) for 5 positions for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) information technology database. The DOJ operates and maintains CURES for the purposes of regulating DCA licensees that prescribe, order, administer, furnish, or dispense Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substances. This request includes Budget Bill language (see Attachment 2) stipulating that the spending authority is contingent on the California Department of Technology (Cal-Tech) approving a maintenance and operations plan submitted by DOJ for the project, a condition of Cal-Tech's original Feasibility Study Report approval.

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Jeff Carosone, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

MICHAEL COHEN

Director

By:

/s/ Keely M. Bosler

KEELY M. BOSLER

Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
Attention: Mr. Mark McKenzie, Staff Director
Honorable Jim Nielsen, Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Attention: Mr. Seren Taylor, Staff Director
Honorable Jimmy Gomez, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Attention: Mr. Pedro R. Reyes, Chief Consultant
Honorable Melissa Melendez, Vice Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
Attention: Mr. Eric Swanson, Staff Director
Honorable Marty Block, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1
Honorable Kevin McCarty, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2
Honorable Richard Roth, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4
Honorable Adrin Nazarian, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4
Mr. Mac Taylor, Legislative Analyst (4)
Mr. Craig Cornett, Senate President pro Tempore's Office (2)
Mr. Christopher W. Woods, Assembly Speaker's Office (2)
Mr. Jim Richardson, Policy and Fiscal Director, Assembly Republican Leader's Office
Ms. Tina Daley, Deputy Secretary, Fiscal Operations, Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
Mr. Awet Kidane, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs
Ms. Tonya Corcoran, Deputy Director, Office of Administrative Services, Department of Consumer Affairs
Ms. Janice Shintaku-Enkoji, Fiscal Officer, Department of Consumer Affairs
Mr. Taylor Schick, Budget Officer, Department of Consumer Affairs
Ms. Rebecca Stilling, Deputy Director, Information Technology Project Oversight and Consulting, California Department of Technology
Ms. Elisa Diez, Section Chief, Information Technology Project Oversight and Consulting, California Department of Technology
Mr. Floyd Layher, Information Technology Project Oversight and Consulting, California Department of Technology
Ms. Michelle Colon, Information Technology Project Oversight and Consulting, California Department of Technology

ATTACHMENT 1

"1111-002-0305—For support of Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, Department of Consumer Affairs, payable from the Private Postsecondary Education Administration Fund
.....13,140,000 15,170,000

Schedule:

(1) 1410013-Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education13,140,000 15,170,000

Provisions:

1. The amount appropriated in this item may include revenues derived from the assessment of fines and penalties imposed as specified in Section 13332.18 of the Government Code.
2. Of the amount appropriated in this item, \$1,000,000 shall be available to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education contingent upon the Department of Finance's approval of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education's plan for eliminating the backlog of applications in the licensing unit and complaints in the complaint unit. The \$1,000,000 shall be expended as outlined in the plan approved by the Department of Finance, and is available for expenditure or encumbrance until June 30, 2017."

New Item

ATTACHMENT 2

1110-001-3252—For support of the Department of Consumer Affairs, payable from the CURES Fund.....\$1,112,000

Schedule:

(1) 1132-CURES.....\$1,112,000

Provisions:

- 1. Funds appropriated in this item are contingent upon the California Department of Technology approving a maintenance and operations plan submitted by the Department of Justice for the CURES information technology database.